

GARDEN STATE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2026

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: 1930
- 2) FLAG SALUTE: Bill K2WFB
- 3) HEALTH AND WELFARE: None
- 4) NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Bill K8BP read Ed Southworth KE2HNU – motion Jeff W2FLK, 2nd Marty (from the Bahamas) N2 BMK – accepted unanimously.
- 5) COMMENTS FROM NEW MEMBER: Ed KE@2HNU introduced himself on Zoom
- 6) ANNOUNCEMENTS: A silent auction will be held on April 18 here at the ARC. Members only to participate and must be present to bid. Chair Art N2AJO and Paul AD7I assisting.
- 7) PROGRAM: Ed NN2D and Marlo KA2IRQ presented Digital Communication Over the Air – discussing VARA, email, chat, winlink, echolink and VARAC digital chat.
- 8) CLOSE: 2230

Attendance: ARC: Ed NN2D, Marlo KA2IRQ, Bill K2WFB, Bill K8BP, Art W2NAZ, Jay KE2BVB, Bill KE2AWM, Jeff N2LXM, Michael N2 CEC, Lew W3CRW, Jay W2FLK, Don KE2WHF, John KE2JJD, Sharon Clark – Family member.

ZOOM: Marty KA2CCJ, Marty N2BMK, Joe KE2EAM, Lizz W2TTO, Mitch KE2BRG, Ed KE2HNU, Vinnie KE2BFB, Paul AD7I, Joe WA2JOE, VLAD AC2F

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February 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 1930

SALUTE TO FLAG: Bill K2WFB

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None

MINUTES OF January 15 and February 5 read by Bill K8BP – Motion Bill K2WFB, second Pete KD2EW – approved unanimously with corrections

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Family Application from John Clark KC2JJD – approved unanimously – John and spouse Sharon were present and made a few comments.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Ed NN2D a) announced the appointment of this year’s trustees – Jay W2FLK, Art N2AJO and Joe WA2JOE. Appointment letters are on file with Secretary.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Art W2NAZ submitted his January report which was shown on the Zoom app and is filed with the minutes and a partial budget also filed with the minutes. Motion Art N2AJO and second Pete NA2J to approve – passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A) Engineer – i) meshtastic network in process – Chris WA2SEM is lead on the project with a node to be placed at ARC; ii) the Red Cross is now using an emergency comms network– SHARES; iii) Field Day work is quiet at the moment but more will be coming soon

OLD BUSINESS: Bill K2WFB reported on matters concerning the repeater located at his residence – the 440 repeater has been taken down because Paul is building a board for it. I have purchased a repeater and the club has permission to take over the defunct Middletown repeater frequency – 145.485 -0.6 PL 151.4. With the 440 back on line we will have coverage South on UHF and North and West on VHF.

NEW BUSINESS: a) Art W2NAZ suggested we need to renew our \$100 to Fullfill in Neptune – it was suggested this amount is now too low and the treasury can afford an increase – Bill K8BPP suggested \$250 which was adopted; b) the raffle was discussed and it will be continued with around \$1500 for the prize, Art N2AJO suggested that he needs an assistant to learn the ropes and eventually take over from him for continuity; c) the glut of equipment now in the club storage needs to be addressed. The suggestion was made that we hold a silent auction soon and that it can be done at the ARC.

CLOSE: 2013

Attendance:

ARC – Ed NN2d, Bill K2WFB, Bill K8BP, Art W2NAZ, Marlo KD2IRQ, Art N2AJO, Sal KD2OXR, John KC2JJD [new family member] and Sharon, Joe WA2JOE, Jay W2FLK.

ZOOM – Pete NA2J, Marty N2BMK [long distance winner – Bahamas], Pete KD2EW, Lew W3CRW, Paul AD7I